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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed December 22, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed May 18, 2004, have been received and their contents carefully noted. An *Amendment* was filed April 22, 2004, along with a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*. A *Notice of Appeal* was filed June 22, 2004, along with a *Request for Three Month Extension of Time*. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Five Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to January 22, 2005. Also, filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 7, 2000, and corrected on August 11, 2000, and October 4, 2000.

The Applicants note the Examiner's statement with respect to the *partial* consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 14, 1998, and January 25, 2002.